GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION/UPGRADATION OF HOUSES UNDER IAY/PM AWAS YOJANA
BISHNU PADA RAY

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines to give funds for construction and upgradation of houses under Indira Awas Yojana and Prime Minister`s Awas Yojana;

(b) whether the beneficiaries in A&N Islands get any financial assistance by means of cheque or cash for construction and upgradation of houses as per the guidelines; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a) Under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), assistance is provided for construction of dwelling units and upgradation of existing unserviceable kutcha houses to Below the Poverty Line (BPL) rural people belonging to SCs/STs, freed bonded labourers and non-SC/ST categories.Assistance for construction of new house is provided at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- and Rs. 22,000/- per unit in the plain and hilly/difficult areas respectively. Assistance for upgradation of unserviceable kutcha houses at the rate of Rs. 10,000/- per unit is also being provided.

Rural Shelter is one of the six components of the Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)Planning Commission provides Additional Central Assistance (ACA) under the PMGY including Rural Shelter in the State`s Annual Plan.The States/Union Territories have flexibility to decide their inter-se- allocation of ACA among the six PMGY sectors as per their own plan priorities and discretion. However, a minimum 15 % allocation of their ACA is to be earmarked for the Nutrition component. ACA must constitute a genuine additionality over and above the normal allocation of the States in the PMGY Sectors as reflected in the State`s Plan.The assistance pattern is the same under the PMGY (Housing) as under the IAY.

(b)&(c) Assistance pattern under the IAY and the PMGY (Housing) as mentioned in reply to (a) above is followed in all the States/Union Territories including Andaman & Nicobar Island. Assistance can be provided either in cash or by cheque.